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For: A METHOD OF BACKING UP A RING OPTICAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND COMMUNICATIONS NODE, AN AMPLIFIED COMMUNICATIONS NODE, AND A TRAFFIC CONCENTRATOR FOR A BACKED UP RING OPTICAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

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Sir:

In view of the application filed on July 23, 2004 without the appropriate executed documents, and since Applicant's attorney has not yet received the "Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)," for the above application, Applicant submits herewith a copy of the Declaration for the above identified application properly executed by the inventors. Also enclosed, please find a copy of the executed Assignment with PTO Form 1595.

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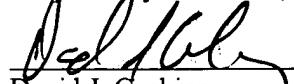
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